

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:

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METHODS**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

M/S Amendment  
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**Introductory Comments:**

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2006. The shortened statutory period for response expires on June 13, 2006. This Amendment is submitted prior to shortened statutory period for reply, therefore no extension fee is required to enter this Amendment.

Prior to reconsidering this application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

The **Claim Listing** required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, which reflects any amendments to the claims requested in this response, begins on page 2.

Applicant(s) **Remarks**, in view of the Amendments, begin on page 6.